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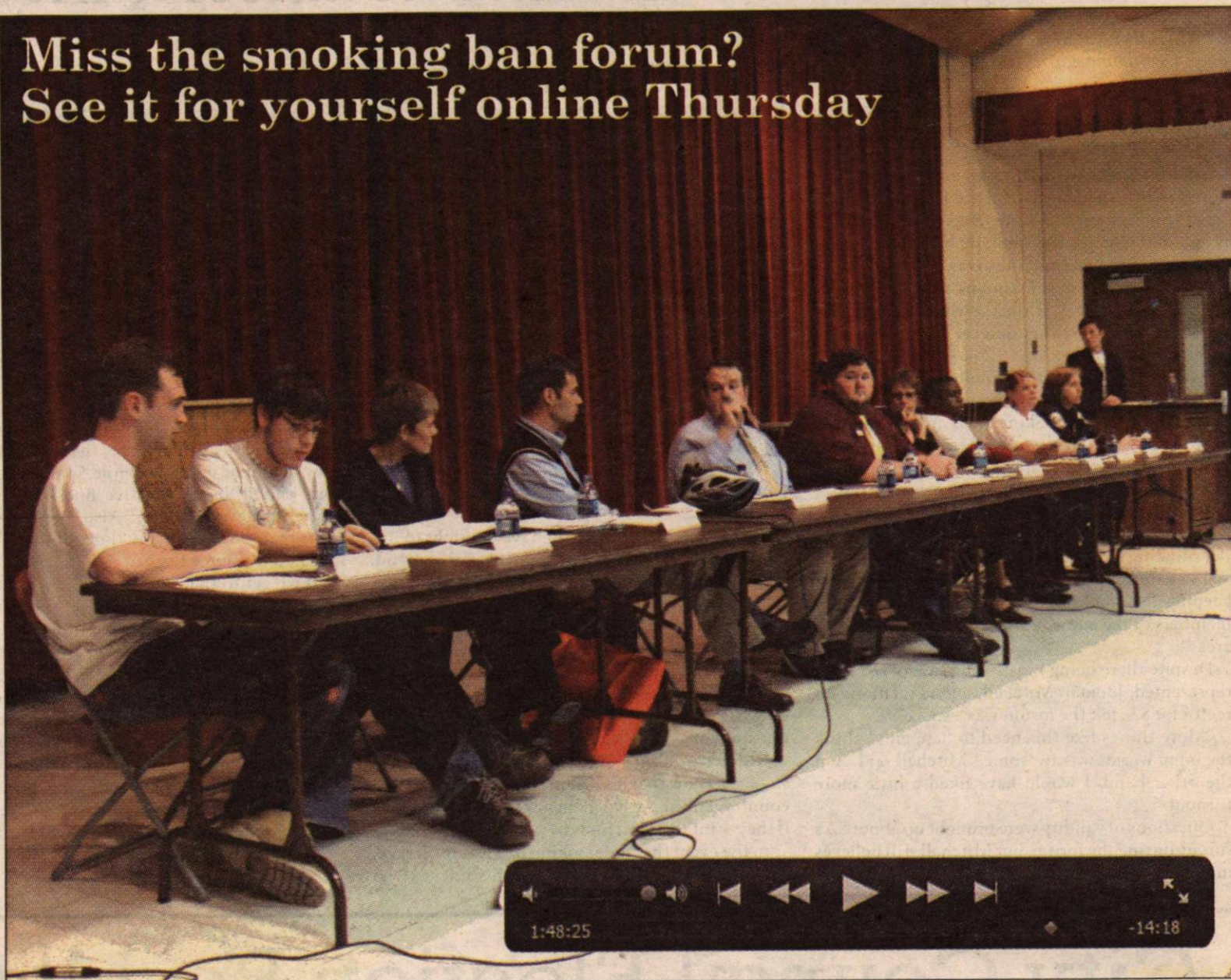
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Smoking ban forum leads to uncertainty

BY KAITLIN PAULSEN
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Last Tuesday, a panel of students, staff, administration and members of the American Lung Association came forward with their opinions on the UMD smoking ban in a discussion held in Bohannon Hall 90. The objective of the forum was to receive feedback on the Student Association's (SA) proposal to change the smoking ban policy by including designated smoking areas.

Opponents of the smoking ban say their rights are being taken away, while those who support the smoking ban believe they deserve the right to go to a smoke-free college.

According to a survey distributed by SA last year, 52 percent of students that took the survey are in favor of designated smoking areas around campus. SA provided the survey to give a voice to students that did not have the chance to voice their opinions before the smoking ban was put in place.

During the forum, members from the audience were allowed to ask the panel questions regarding the smoking ban and other issues surrounding it.

The panel appeared to be mostly biased toward keeping the smoking ban in place, and very few members of the audience were in favor of smoking areas.

Despite there being mostly one side of the issue represented, Jonatan Mitchell, public relations director for SA, felt the forum was a success.

"More things like this need to happen. I think the input we got was awesome," Mitchell said. "On the other hand, I would have liked a little more turnout."

Questions of validity were brought up about SA's survey during the forum, but Mitchell still believes in the results they obtained.

"I think our survey is still valid, but the information we gathered here will most likely change our proposal that we bring forward to the administration. Although, we still want to represent the student voice we had before tonight," Mitchell said.

SA is holding a meeting on Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. in Education 16 to restate their stance on the issue and include information that was discussed at the forum.

Panel participant and alumni Matt Stuart explained how the smoking ban came to be in the first place, based on the American College Health Association (ACHA) guidelines.

"In 2004-2005 the guideline was the 25-foot rule of thumb from doors and windows and that was our recommendation. That recommendation also suggested that we follow the ACHA guidelines in the future to be a completely smoke-free campus by 2010," Stuart said.

Sophomore Matt Harris initially questioned the panel of the legitimacy of the smoking ban at the forum.

"Why does administration have the right to impose something like this on student life?" he said. Jackie Millslagle, vice chancellor of academic support and student life, was first to respond.

"We do have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of our students. There has been a lot of research and study that has been done about the effects of smoking. So we look at that research, and do what we can to protect the health and safety of our students," Millslagle said.

"I don't think it's a good choice for anyone to smoke. I know that it's bad for your health, but as a country, I think each person has the right to smoke if they want to," Harris said.

In the event that the smoking ban was to change, smoking areas could interfere with students who

choose not to smoke.

"Under the surgeon general there are no minimum safe levels of exposure to second hand smoke. It's classified under the same category as arsenic. It can cause acute respiratory illnesses, it can cause heart disease and it can cause cancer," Stuart said.

Another issue is whether or not UMD should enforce the smoking ban with disciplinary action instead of just peer enforcement.

"The enforcement is outlined as being peer and community enforcement," said Lt. Anne Peterson, director of UMD Police. "I think there has been an attempt at community enforcement. What I hear from faculty or students when they usually try to advise someone that there is no smoking allowed they get a rude response, so then they're disinclined to attempt to make attempts at enforcement in the future."

In SA's survey, 36 percent of the students thought fines should be enforced while 54 percent thought there should be progressive fines- fines that increase with every offense. Also, 74 percent of students that took the survey thought that UMD Police should enforce the ban.

"If we get to that point I think we have to look closely at how you define the term enforcement, whether we do or do not have time to be chasing smokers amongst all the other things we are doing," Lt. Peterson said.

Nearing the end of the forum, sophomore Matt Smith approached the panel to thank the participants and to tell them what he thought the proposal should accomplish.

"The reason we are having this forum is get ideas and come together with a compromise. We are here to find a policy that works," Smith said.

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Percentages based on the city of Duluth's Web site as of 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

False alarm in the elementary education department

BY NICK RUDEK

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Last Thursday, Associate Elementary Education Professor Joyce Strand apologized to a group of angry elementary education majors who had been informed earlier in the week that their graduation plans would be delayed.

Elementary education major Elisabeth Dalton and a posse of elementary education students and their parents bombarded the department with complaints and concerns after receiving the news about the changes. Within a matter of days, the department revised their plans, delaying any major program changes until fall 2011.

The department's apologies came after students were informed that the program would undergo significant changes resulting in different requirements, an additional two courses and an added semester of student teaching, which would create a five-block tier system instead of the current three-block system.

The current elementary education program involves a K8 license and middle school specialization courses. The state is changing the current program to a K6 license, and the department plans to replace the middle school specialization with a special education emphasis instead. The state wanted the changes made by next fall, and made these changes aware

"They created all kinds of ruckus and fiasco, only to put the old system back into order three days later."

-Elisabeth Dalton, elementary education student

to UMD this past August.

Students were upset with these changes, but even more flustered as to why the department held the information until last week.

Dalton created a Facebook page in an effort to clarify some of the issues for her peers and to communicate with other elementary education students who were just as upset with the misleading information.

"I think that the education department handled the issue very poorly. They should have taken our feelings into consideration before making the drastic switch," she said. "In my opinion, the education department panicked and could have thought out presentations of the new program to its students in a less harsh manner."

Strand was aware of what was going to happen, but she defended her reasoning of not informing the students earlier because changes were constantly being made to the program.

"We knew the changes were coming down," she said. "We didn't take the students' feelings into account. We came at it with a departmental point of view."

The revised compromise will not include the added courses or the additional student teaching, but will include the state's required change from a K8 to a K6 licensure program. In addition to the special education emphasis, UMD will offer a middle school endorsement that will cover the cut grades in the new K6 program, but will not be a requirement to complete the elementary program.

Dalton is happy how things turned out, but is uncertain about how the department will handle these types of issues in the future.

"The department created many tears for students, tension headaches and phone calls home in panic and fury because of the abrupt interference to the future," she said. "They created all kinds of ruckus and fiasco, only to put the old system back into order three days later. I had a lousy week because of the unnecessary turmoil."

Students cram onto DTA buses

BY KATE BUTLER

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Numerous students who consider themselves seasoned veterans of the Duluth Transit Authority (DTA), have been surprised by the over-packed busses this year. DTA General Manager Dennis Jensen is "very happy with the student rider total at the end of September," which reached 60,800. Can the increased student rider population be credited to the fact that society has fallen on hard times? Or is it just that students are quickly realizing the convenience of a free ride to and from school without the hassle of finding a place to park?

Junior Tim Wilson has had a vehicle since moving to Duluth almost three years ago and has yet to buy a parking pass. Wilson says he opts to take the bus because it picks him up no more than a block from his house and drops him off right at the school's front door for free, whereas a parking pass would run \$140 per semester.

There is always the option of the pay lot, which is \$2 cash or \$1.50 if a student uses their U-card or has

two or more people in their car.

"It costs a lot of money after a while, and a lot of time trying to find a space. Either way, the bus is a lot simpler option, and it's always warm and always free with your U-card and just seems more practical," Wilson said.

Surprisingly, few students considered the "green" advantages to more students taking the bus and cutting down on the number of air-polluting vehicles en route to campus. In an informal survey of student riders regarding whether or not they thought the buses were more packed due to the realization of its environmental benefits, only two out of 10 people considered that to be a factor.

Jensen outlines the DTA's efforts to "go green" by using 5 percent bio-fuel in their buses and introducing four new hybrid electric busses to the system, which is "going to cut down on the air pollution from students driving their vehicles."

Jensen attributes the increase in student riders to three major factors: Congestion, parking and frequency of service.

"The congestion and parking factors go hand in hand," Jensen said. "There is a lack of places to park which causes traffic on the surrounding streets and sometimes makes students late for class."

Students expressed their appreciation for the frequency of service the DTA provides. With buses that come approximately every 17 minutes, students are able to get to school closer to the time of their class instead of having to kill time or rush to be on time.

DTA employees are aware of the crowded busses but have received little to no complaints about it.

Curtis Foster, a UMD student, said he's "not bothered by standing for a short time on the bus if it means getting a free ride to school on time."

Foster credits the rise in student riders to financially strapped college students realizing how valuable and convenient the DTA service really is.

"Nothing attracts a market like when the service is free, there's no reason not to utilize something that's free," Jensen said.



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Students squeeze into DTA buses as ridership reaches record highs.

Belly dancer and Pebbles sent to detox

BY VERONICA WILSON
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Halloween weekend was a busy one for university police. They gave out 29 underage consumption tickets and sent five people to detox.

Of those offenses, most were not out of the ordinary and called in through 911 for disturbances related to noise and drinking on campus.

One incident, where students were not cooperative, resulted in a trip to detox for two students, according to university police.

"On Halloween, a little after 10 p.m. police on foot patrol came across two females. One was dressed as a belly dancer and the other

as Pebbles. They stumbled walking into LSH," Sgt. Sean Huls said.

University police made contact with the underage students and found them intoxicated. The students, who were visiting from the U of M, both admitted to drinking, according to Huls.

The students were uncooperative with university police. They were laughing, making fun of the situation and the police, Huls said.

According to Huls, once arrangements were made for them to be picked up and sent to detox the students became more cooperative.

"It wasn't funny anymore," Huls said.

Hit-and-run vehicle found

BY EMMA FROMBERG
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Last Saturday at 2:34 a.m., an 18-year-old Oak Grove male suffered life-threatening injuries after being struck by a vehicle across from Campus Park apartments on Rice Lake Road, according to a Duluth Police Department press release.

The victim, Alexander Michael Balluf was walking toward Boulder Ridge apartments with three friends, all of whom were visiting Duluth for the weekend according to investigator Randy Morris. He was admitted to St. Mary's hospital in Duluth in critical condition.

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Correction

In last week's article "Student says more punishment needed, fitness instructor says he's changed," UMD fitness instructor Rod Raymond was quoted as saying he is "attracted to women with your electric personality," according to the executive summary of the complaint when in fact he was quoted as saying he is "attracted to women with your eclectic personality." The word "electric" was supposed to be "eclectic." The Statesman did not intend to change the perception of Mr. Raymond's character but simply printed a typo. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

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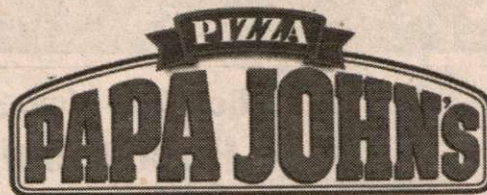
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“Sometimes” all you need is a little folk

BY LAUREN LUNDEEN

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My music spectrum is all over the place. I have a friend who listens to rap like you wouldn't believe, my sister is a country fanatic and I have other friends who prefer the local sounds of Charlie Parr, Trampled By Turtles and Too Many Banjos.

If you are anything like my friends that enjoy the tunes of local musicians, St. Paul's Erik Brandt is someone to listen to.

After listening to Brandt's latest solo album “Sometimes,” I immediately enjoyed it. One of my favorite songs off the album is “Ain't Broke.”

With lyrics such as, “I've got a gal who's always late; Licks her ketchup right off her plate; Shines her nails with gasoline; Forget to call and she'll get mean,” and a chorus of “If it ain't broke, don't fix it; If it's tight, don't twist it; It it's right, don't mix it; Ain't broke, don't fix it,” it's an album that has a great beat and will keep you listening.

One of the interesting things about Brandt's music is that there is a light air to it. With “Ain't Broke,” I can't help but want to move to the beat. Fellow UMD student Hilarie Sorensen felt the same way after listening to this album.

“I like how mellow it is. He sounds like a lot of the local bands that I like, and it's very easy to sit and listen to it,” Sorensen said. Sorensen has seen and heard many of the local bands play at locations such as Pizza Luce, Sir Ben's and Fitger's Brewhouse.

After interviewing Brandt, I found out something pretty fascinating about his “Sometimes” album that listeners, even Sorensen, don't know about: There are three hidden tracks on the album. Simply put the CD in a CD player (this won't work on iTunes or a laptop) play the first song and hit rewind for a bit; there should be 15 minutes worth of additional songs.

With looking at this solo album, as well as all the albums he's already produced, Brandt has been influenced by many musicians including Death Cab for Cutie, Uncle Tupelo, the Jayhawks, Paul Kelly and Bob Dylan.

Brandt wrote all the music and lyrics on his album, which is his second solo album to date. In addition to his solo albums, Brandt also plays with the Urban Hillbilly Quartet. The Urban Hillbilly Quartet is essentially a rock band that is still together



Paige Dewees/SUBMITTED

Erik Brandt and his band will play at Fitger's Brewhouse on Nov. 6.

but is largely based out of New York City where most of the band members live.

Brandt wrote many of his songs and produced his “Sometimes” album in Budapest, Hungary.

“I was an exchange teacher there, so I met all these really cool Hungarian bluegrass people,” he said.

While he may have recorded his album in an exotic place like Hungary, Brandt can't wait to play at Fitger's Brewhouse here in town. “First and foremost, I'm looking forward to the tasty beer -- and so is the band. I love playing there knowing that I'll be sharing the same stage with so many other amazing

artists, especially Charlie Parr,” Brandt said.

Brandt will be performing Nov. 6 at Fitger's Brewhouse from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. where he will be playing many songs off his “Sometimes” album. He will also be performing at the Electric Fetus around 6 p.m. for a half an hour inside the store.

To learn more about Brandt and his folk sound go to his Web site at www.ErikBrandt.com.

Conservative Gubernatorial hopefuls to speak at UMD

BY ALICIA LEBENS

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On June 2, 2009, Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced that he would not run for a third term as governor of the State of Minnesota. With 19 months left in his term, the race has begun to find Pawlenty's replacement.

More than ever, being involved with the political process is more mainstream and

more accessible to the masses. One group of students at UMD would like to introduce you to the newest crop of conservative governor hopefuls.

The UMD chapter of College Republicans has invited the top contenders for the Republican ticket to come to UMD to speak about their stance on hot-button topics. At least six have confirmed their attendance. With no endorsed candidates yet, the questions will

come straight from you: The voters.

“We want the forum to be based on student opinions, the topics that matter to us,” said UMD College Republican Co-Chair, Jake Loesh.

UMD College Republican Treasurer, Erik Leist, believes that it is important to investigate political candidates.

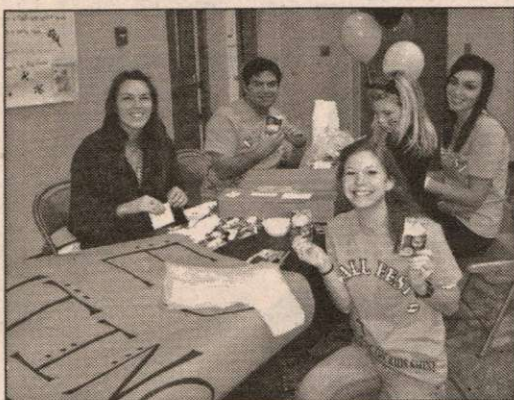
“This is a good opportunity to find out how candidates think about issues that mat-

ter, like healthcare, taxes and the economy,” Leist said.

The UMD College Republicans will have a table in the Kirby Student Commons during the preceding days to the forum to collect questions for the candidates, as well as information about current political issues.

The forum will be held in the Kirby Student Center Lounge on Nov. 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be open to the public.

UMD students work to bring fall festivities to local children



DAISY HOVET/SUBMITTED

El-Ed students volunteer with local children.

BY HOLLY NELSON

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The hard work of a group of UMD elementary education students had a big pay off, as their annual Fall Fest held at Nettleton Elementary was a huge success with local children and their parents. This year, the UMD students included activities such as face painting, apple and leaf stamping, seed planting, popcorn hands, mask making, a haunted house, and a dance floor. Even UMD Mascot, Champ the Bulldog, was able to make an appearance and greeted every student with a high five as they entered the gym.

Fall Fest served as the elementary education (El-Ed) student's fall semester Service Learning Project. They have spent the last couple months planning the entire event for Nettleton Elementary, a magnet school in Duluth with a focus on

science and technology. Most students at the school come from a cultural and economical diverse background. The El-Ed students have worked hard to fundraise for this event, which included getting donations from all over the city of Duluth.

UMD student, Ivy Berg, said, "The hardest part of the event had to be not knowing how many people would show up."

She and other students new to the program received guidance and help from the El-Ed students that had done this event in years before, along with one of their professors who was helping with the event, Nedra A. Hazareesingh.

UMD El-Ed students are not new to the classrooms of Nettleton Elementary. Tony Varela, a UMD student, said his favorite part of the event had to be seeing some of the children recognize of their student teachers running the event.

All of the children were dressed in a wide variety of costumes from Frodo to Buzz Lightyear.

When asked what her favorite part of the event was, Izzy Laderman, a Nettleton student dressed up as a kitty, said, "I think it will be the Haunted House."

Not only were the El-Ed students and their professor working at the event, Nettleton Elementary's Principal, Stephanie Heilig, was helping wherever she could.

"They just have such energy and are just very, very creative. I go to the class and talk about the school's population and the purpose of the service learning project, but they're perfectly capable," said Heilig.

"Oh it's going just phenomenal. The house is rocking!" she said.

Old fans rejoice, newcomers ignore

BY ADAM WHEELER

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Taking Back Sunday (TBS) has endured yet another lineup change and produced another catchy, if not repetitive, album called "New Again," that is destined to catch the ears of angst-filled teenagers around the United States.

The loss of guitarist Fred Mascherino will go generally unnoticed by casual fans of the band, especially when you compare his departure to that of John Nolan, now lead singer/guitarist of Straylight Run.

The new effort from TBS consists of 11 songs that deliver inconsistent entertainment. The high points will provide classic TBS moments that remind you of why you have always listened to these guys.

The low points will leave you wondering why you listened to them in high school. Since Nolan took off for Straylight Run, the band has been relying on Adam Lazzara for all the vocal work, a job previously split between the two rather evenly.

This has dramatically changed the band's sound. The two singers used to offset each other well, with Lazzara's high-pitched shrieks complementing the low scratchy tones provided by Nolan.

What you are left with in their new

album is just the shrieks. While the writing is relatively creative, particularly in the songs "Capital M-E" and "Carpathia," the originality of the words is overshadowed by the fact that they seem to be saying the same thing in different ways.

Songs like "Sink Into Me" are one of those high points. The catchy melody and, again, inventive writing will make you happy you took the time to download it.

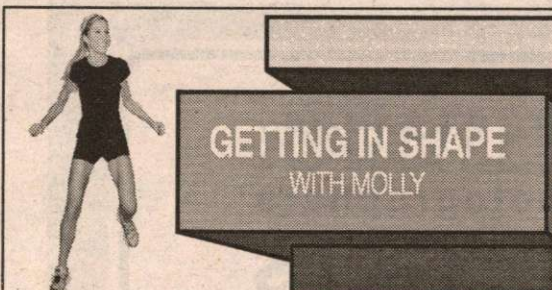
But, for every one of those feelings you will get just as many, if not more, urges to ask the question, "When is this band going to grow up?"

The particular low point of the album is a song called "Summer, Man." The song literally contains the lyric, "The summer is over and I doubt, I doubt I'll see you around."

The band has been critiqued in the past for sounding too much like a bunch of whiney kids, which I usually do not agree with. But the above lyric is exhibit A.

Although most of what I've said comes off rather negative, the album does have those few songs that are worth your while. But, do not go into this expecting the old TBS.

Overall, if you're a fan of the band or even a fan of the genre, "New Again" will be satisfying. If not, you will come away being more annoyed than anything else.



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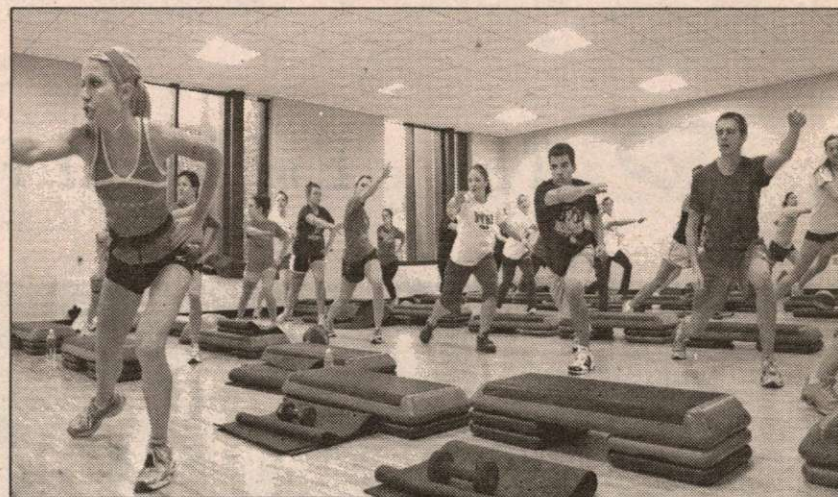
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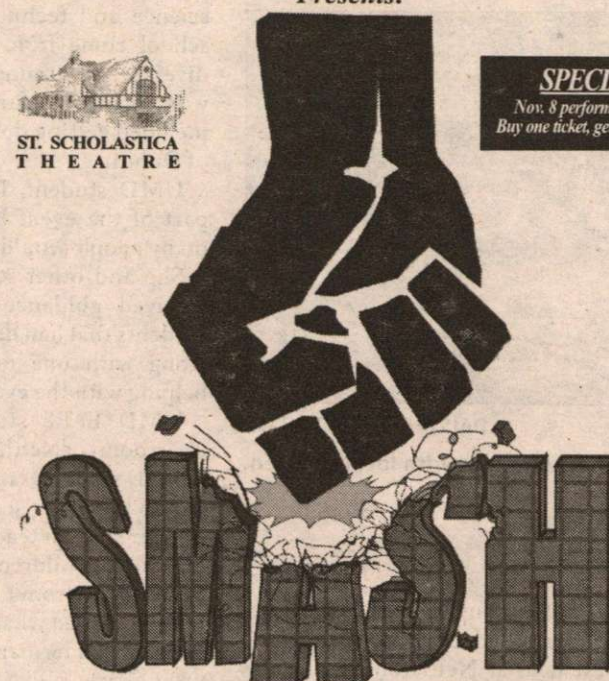
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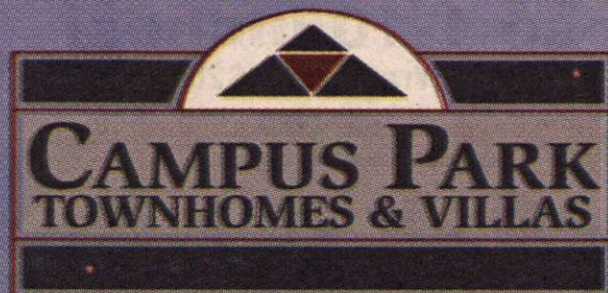
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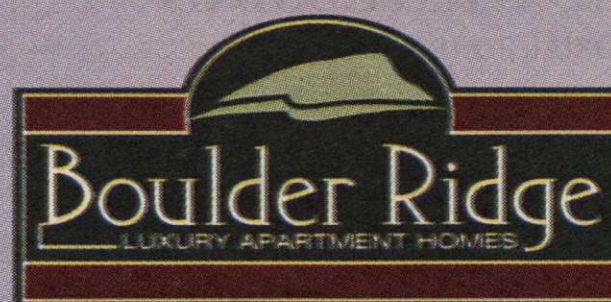
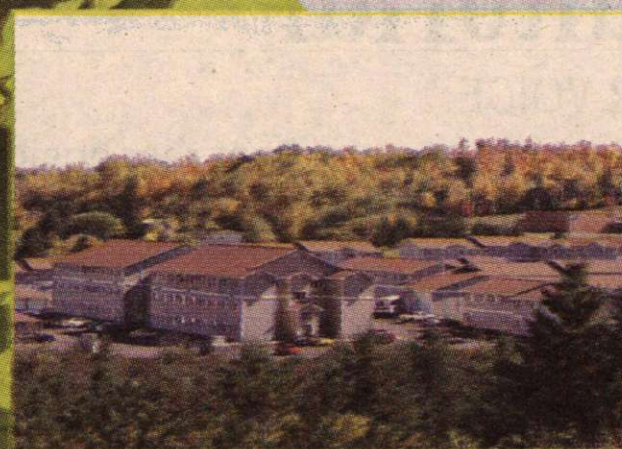
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With power comes great responsibility

Last week, UMD fitness instructor Rod Raymond was featured in both the Statesman and the Duluth News Tribune for being held responsible for sexual harassment. One of the two students who brought the sexual harassment complaints against Raymond said that she believes he "uses his power to his advantage."

I have never personally spoken with Raymond so I can't pass judgment on his character, but I can say that the complainant raised a good point: Those who have power often misuse it.

There are obviously powerful historic characters that used their power for the greater good of humankind. Teddy Roosevelt fought to conserve our natural habitat and Bill Gates has donated large sums of money to charity, but there are also those who use their power to rob people of their basic freedoms and reap the benefits for themselves. People like Bernard Madoff for example, who build trust in others only to steal from them in the long run.

In the light of unfortunate sexual harassment events on campus, we can all take away a valuable lesson. Many of us are in college to seek higher education in hopes of gaining power in society, either politically or monetarily, so it is important to realize the danger that comes with power.

Power can be viewed in one of two ways. You can pursue a position of power with the intent of using it to your advantage, or you can pursue it with the intent to assist others so that everyone will benefit from it.

I recommend the latter. Not only does it carry with it the intrinsic value of helping others, but it also sets the precedent that power does not equal greed. With power comes great responsibility, so when you have it you must realize its significance and then determine how you can use it responsibly.

While pursuing your education, think about how your ideal job could benefit others, not yourself.

-David Cowardin

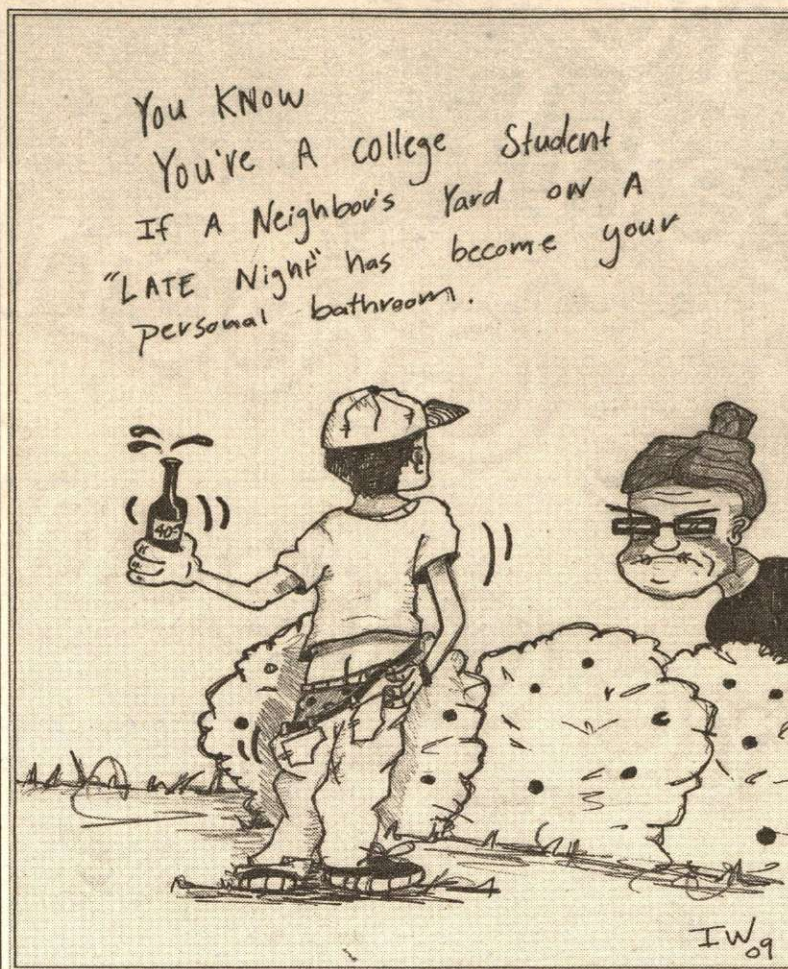
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Letter to the editor:
Student Association
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As the Student Association, it is our duty to represent the student voice and ensure that the education of any student at UMD is not impeded in any way. We have been made aware of the allegations toward Rod Raymond and we recognize that all accused are innocent until proven guilty. Nonetheless, based on the 11 page investigative report released to the public, we would find it unfortunate if further review and/or action is not taken in regard to this matter.

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Hands-off government best option

BY RYAN LYK

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In the New York Times article "Trying to Rein in 'Too Big to Fail' Institutions," the government wants to make it easier to bail out corporations on the brink of collapse. The government will also be able to "throw out management, wipe out the shareholders and change the terms of existing loans held by the institution."

Some may view this as the classic question between small and large governments, but it is more than that. What the bill implies is that when a business is about to die, divine intervention from the government will take place and rescue it from its demise. The argument goes that the government needs to do this because if the business fails, jobs will be lost, business will be lost, and many people who rely on the corporation and its services will suffer.

This type of "death" is really no different than a standard death (minus the emotional aspects, of course). When a person passes away, a time of hardship and mourning follows. This could be either financial difficulties, or just plain emotional distress. When a business goes bankrupt and virtually disappears, all those who were attached to it go through a period of financial and emotional hardship.

Should that factor be enough to say that the natural order of things needs to be stopped? When a loved one passes away, do people usually move on? Most of the time. It seems to be only the emotional aspect that keeps people attached longer than

expected. With businesses, there probably isn't a relationship based on love, but more so on money. Finances usually work themselves out. Adjustments need to be made, but it seems as if the system can help itself.

After a corporation goes under, unemployment rises, and people who relied on that business no longer have the service provided. This can range from insurance to basic commodities. This should probably be avoided at all costs, right?

For example, when Business A goes bankrupt, the people working for it lose their jobs. Since businesses are generally competitive, they stick to their respective territories. When a new territory opens up, that means there is room for expansion. Soon, as the market shows us, Business B will move in and absorb most of the laid off employees. It is called competition, and when one loses, they need to actually lose, and not get a second, third, and maybe a fourth chance.

If it is a service that is needed, another business will step in to provide it. If we invest money into one single business, that gives them a financial backing that no other competitor can compete with. This makes the market unequal, and prevents us from moving forward in the way nature intended.

In the past, government has simply let an issue sort itself out and let the problem fade away.

Should we be acting in similar behavior to what did not work before? It seems like a "hands-off" government has more validity to it than being just a conservative talking point.

Racism: a fine line

BY ETHAN WALKER

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Last week, ESPN announcer Bob Griesse made a comment that caused heads to turn. During a telecast, Griesse, who was an NFL quarterback for 14 years and pro football hall of famer, said that Juan Pablo Montoya's absence in the top five NASCAR point standings was due to Montoya being "out for a taco." He apologized at the end of the game and during a half-time show later that night, however, the damage was done: Bob Griesse made a racial slur toward the Columbian-born driver.

The odd part is that Montoya himself did not seem to care about the remark. After Sunday's race he was asked how he felt about Griesse's comment and said, "Somebody mentioned it to me. I don't really care to tell you the truth. I could say I spent the last three hours eating tacos, but I was actually driving the car." So if the man who was being targeted doesn't mind the slur, should we?

Racism in sports is something that has existed for centuries and continues to exist in present day. Being the first black man to play in Major League Baseball, Jackie Robinson faced racist fans and club owners, not to mention racism and neglect from many of his own teammates. The racism in America has progressed from the Jackie Robinson era to become a very subtle,

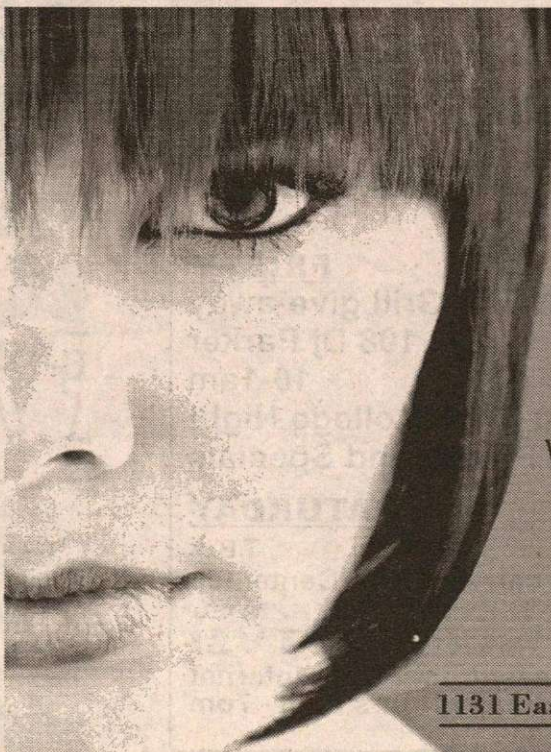
yet constant threat.

If anyone believes that those times are over for black athletes, they live in a very naïve world. Racism in Europe is as bad as it was 50 years ago. Thierry Henry, an African French soccer player who has played for Arsenal and Barcelona, has had bananas thrown at him from the stands and has been called "Black S****" by his own coach.

According to the Associated Press, ESPN has decided to suspend Griesse from broadcasting for one game. I don't know for sure if Bob Griesse is a racist, but I do know he could have said something worse: So the punishment fits the crime. The question is, where do we draw the line?

I am not condoning Griesse's words, they were ill-timed and inappropriate, but what if he had said that Dale Earnhardt Jr. was out of the top five because he was getting a cheeseburger? No one would think twice about it.

Racism is still around in sports and is in almost every facet of our lives. We just need to be careful how we deal with it. It is an incredibly sensitive subject, and if a coach says that his player is "Black S****" he needs to be fired. However, we have all similar jokes similar that Griesse made, but in the public spotlight, those would seem extremely inappropriate, so maybe we simply need to lighten up as a society.



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The most commonly used definition for sustainability is "The development that meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

It's a concept that promotes the implementing of efficient economic solutions, social choices and Earth-friendly designs. There are many practical reasons for choosing sustainable actions, which can be achieved in sensible ways on campus.

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Policy defines sustainability as, "continuous effort integrating environmental, social, and economic goals through design, planning, and operational organization to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

"However defined, the goal is to balance environmental, economic and social concerns," said Mindy Granley, UMD's sustainability coordinator. Granley works through UMD's Office of Sustainability to answer questions such as "How can we sustain UMD into the future?"

These concerns — environmental, economic and social — are commonly put into a sustainability metaphor as the three legs holding up a stool. If one leg is too long or short, the stool falls over.

There is truly a lot to consider when looking at sustainable options in any organization or community like UMD. And in order to become a more sustainable entity, UMD is looking to operations at all levels of production and consumption.

"Bottom line, we are all in this together: UMD students, staff, faculty and administration. UMD has to provide the framework for sustainable choices, yet it is up to all of us to make the right choice," said Granley. "For example: UMD provides the UPass, but it was the students, staff and faculty who made the choice to take over three million rides with their UPass over the past few years."

Campus sustainability is just one piece of the movement to create a more sustainable environment; many fields are capable of utilizing



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sustainable resources.

"There's so much disposability in health care that it's a huge problem," said Assistant Professor of Healthcare and Operations Management at UMD, Jill Klingner. In a field like medicine, with such a high demand for sterile supplies, it is often not an option to reuse supplies because of health concerns.

Everyday students, on and off campus, can work to create a higher level of sustainability by turning off their lights, riding a bike to class when possible and using energy-efficient light bulbs. Little steps like decreasing plastic bags in the checkout line, carrying a reusable water bottle and using the incentive setups from

businesses like Northern Shores Coffee Shop, who offer a discount to those who bring a mug from home, can go a long way.

Granley said, "A lot of work has been done on campus to improve environmental stewardship at UMD — in a lot of departments, from taking care of storm water runoff on campus, to conserving energy by ramping down fans in unoccupied buildings."

UMD's efforts are beginning to pay off. The U of M system as a whole earned an "A-" on its Campus Sustainability Report Card, conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute.

A city that never ceases to amaze

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I love Duluth. It's the one place where a resident of his or her own town can appear as a tourist because its outdoor scenery is constantly shifting and providing something new and exhilarating for us to enjoy.

Friday afternoon on my way home from school I saw a rainbow trace water particles all the way down to Lake Superior. It was slowly shifting across the sky as if cutting through the lake and charging it with its multi-colored beauty. It was as if some higher power was using it to search the lake for something lost or on the run. For me, it was a safety hazard because I couldn't keep my eyes away, and therefore I drove blind all the way home.

The view from my home on 4th Street was pleasing, but I knew Duluth had better vantage points than a cracked asphalt alleyway. With that in mind, I hopped back in the car and drove up to Hawk's Ridge.

When I arrived, the view was breathtaking. A ship was near the base of the rainbow, at least from my perspective. The bottom half of the rainbow was active. It held short beams of intense light and then retreated back toward the sky. It was as if it was bouncing off the waves or probing the lake with its electric energy.

The sky and the lake were in contrast like a Van Gough painting, abstract but entirely real and alive. I sat on a rock on the side of the skyline parkway and breathed it in, thinking to myself how cleansing the scenery in Duluth can be.

Whether viewed from the top of the hill, through the car window on the way home from school or work, through a camera lens or a set of binoculars, Duluth is one great place, a city worth rallying behind for whatever cause, a city whose own residents are tourists of the place they call home.

Weekly Wanderer

BY NATHAN WILLIAMS

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Outdoorsy people are always a little crazy. You have to be to do things like climb 100 feet in the air and hang from a rope or send yourself down a roaring river inside a piece of plastic. So, it made perfect sense that I would join my friends Jen and Marcie for a canoe trip last Saturday in 35-degree weather with 15 mph winds. Why eight other students would sign up for an RSOP trip to come with us and do such a thing is beyond me.

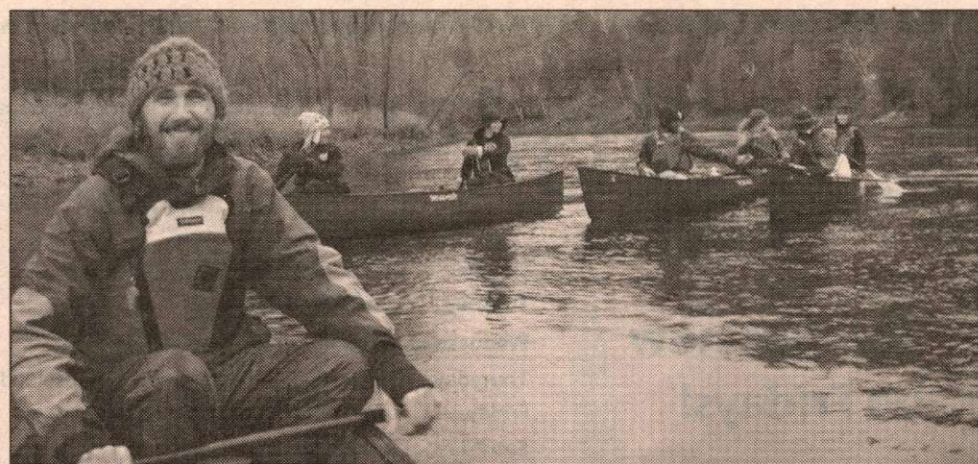
They seemed excited though when we got together at 9 a.m. and drove to a put-in on the lower St. Louis River, in Fond Du Lac, Minn. Fond du Lac is a community south of Duluth (technically within city limits) on Highway 3 that could easily be missed if there weren't a park and a sign for a historical marker. The marker commemorates the visit of Daniel Graysolon, Sieur du Lhut, Duluth's namesake, who came here in 1679 and met with the

Sioux.

Our beginnings were much more humble as we put in near the historical marker and proceeded to paddle upriver — or rather, attempted to. Logic would suggest that paddling against a river's current is a bad idea, but usually it's not a problem on this part of the river. Today though, we fought tooth-and-nail against the wind for an hour to get about three-quarters of a mile before turning around.

For a short initial distance, there was a lot to see. An old stone-retaining wall towered above us on a river embankment, left over from a long-unused railroad track. We peeked into a back bay and found large wooden posts standing guard in the river where barges used to come to haul away stone from bedrock quarries. Fittingly for Halloween day, we paddled by a spooky-looking abandoned cabin on a small island that was teeming with birds. We even saw a bald eagle before paddling by our original put-in spot.

It took about five minutes to get back to the



NATHAN WILLIAMS/STATESMAN

Student Chad Kurtyka canoes the St. Louis River on a chilly Halloween day.

put-in, so we kept paddling downstream to an island lunch spot. My friend Chad shared some yummy roasted red pepper hummus with me, to accompany my PB-and-J-and-Bacon sandwich. Jen passed around a batch of sugar cookies that we enjoyed, courtesy of her grandmother. Before too long though, the wind picked up, my trip mates began shivering and we skipped hot chocolate in favor of getting back to the van.

The day ended much like it began, with the eleven of us in our five canoes battling the cur-

rent and the wind to get upriver. We made it in a decent amount of time and were done a bit early. Jen, Marcie and I suggested a quick hike as a way to use our extra time, but our group was already tucked into the van and excited to get back to the thermostat-controlled warmth that we left behind for the day. Maybe we didn't completely convert them to crazy outdoorsy folks by the end of the day, but they all seemed to enjoy this Halloween paddling excursion.

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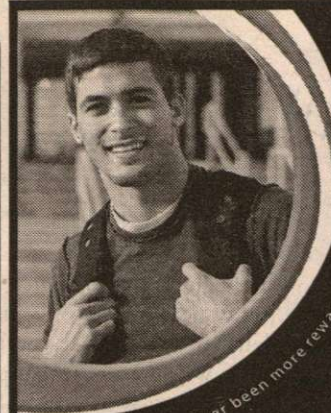
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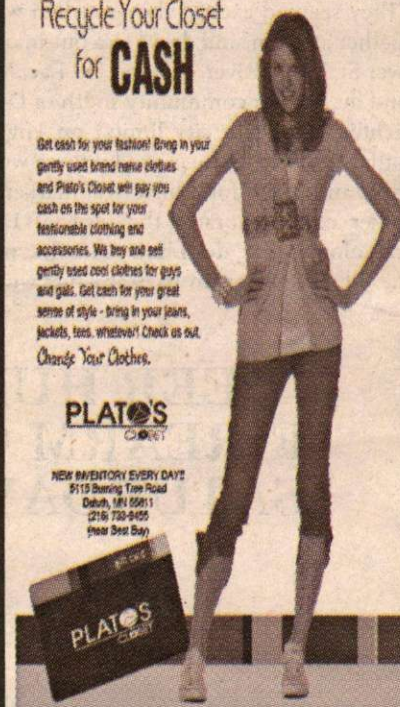
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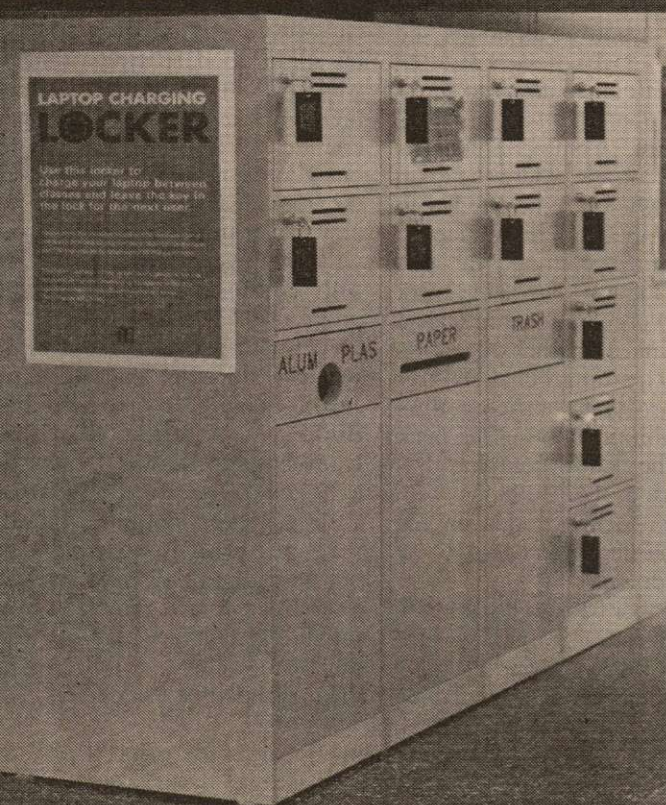
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Athlete of the Week: Justin Fontaine

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Whether it's the frost on car windows or the teasing snow flurries, it is safe to say that hockey is in full swing in the Northland. The defending Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Final Five champions are back in action with their final season of play in the DECC. This week's Athlete of the Week is the current UMD scoring leader, junior forward Justin Fontaine.

Major: Finance

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Plans after UMD: Continue to play hockey

The start of the season was so productive that he was selected as the WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his work so far this season.

"I was excited about receiving that award. It was definitely a good feeling to be recognized as the Offensive Player of the Week in the WCHA. It was important to get out to a good start this season and knowing there are so many good players in the league it was just more of an honor," he said.

When it comes down to preparation, Fontaine has his wits about him. Coming into this season, he knew where the team was at, and where he needed to be before the team hit the ice.

"For me, coming in this summer I knew I needed to work harder to prepare for this season and I think it has helped me on the ice. The thing I changed this season was that I started getting in the habit of shooting the puck more," he said. Fontaine has jumpstarted the Bulldogs with seven goals, the leader on the team, and he doesn't look to be slowing down.

Remember back to last March. UMD was once again the talk of the town as they defied all odds and won the WCHA Final Five tournament in dramatic fashion. Helped by a squad of young talent with big shoes to fill,

Fontaine reminds us that there are still players on the team that have been to that level.

"After experiencing our run last year, our locker room is filled with a lot of players that know what it takes to get there. Nothing comes easy in this league, all 10 teams can win any night and I think our freshman this year have great work ethic and know it's going to take a lot of hard work to get where we were last year," he said.

Fontaine enters his junior season on a team fresh with new faces. But that hasn't stopped the confidence of this suddenly younger hockey team. Similarly, he understands what it's like to be a leader on a great hockey team.

"Being an upper-class player on our team makes me realize how fast college flies by, but with our team losing a lot of older leaders there is a little pressure but overall we are able to allow more players to lead our young team this season," he said.

"As a team we are just trying to limit as many shots on nets as we can every game and if we do give up some good scoring chances we know our goaltenders will be there to bail us out. We all have confidence in our goaltenders but people need to realize that there is a learning curve for any new player in this league so they will continue to set in and feel fully comfortable as the season progresses," Fontaine said.

As the season presses forward, we look for the leadership of Justin Fontaine as he and his Bulldog teammates take this team back to where it belongs as a frontrunner in the national college hockey spotlight. "I think we have a great group of guys on our team and if we can continue to compete every game and buy into the systems we play, we will have a good chance at finishing in the upper part of the WCHA."

Sports Rundown

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

UMD traveled to Green Bay last weekend to play an exhibition game against University of Wisconsin—Green Bay. The men dropped the exhibition match 77-52. Sophomore point guard Ryan Rasmussen led the team with 15 points and four rebounds. Senior forward Ron White had 14 points and played a team high of 33 minutes in the game for the Dogs. UMD travels to Minneapolis on Nov. 5 to take on the Gophers in another exhibition game.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The fifth-ranked Bulldogs traveled to Erie, Pa., to take on the number one team in the country, Mercyhurst, this past weekend. UMD dropped the opening game of the series to the Lakers 5-2. The Dogs held a 2-0 lead early in the game, but the penalties and inability to convert on the power play proved to be deadly as they went 0 for 13 and gave up three power play goals. UMD gave up five unanswered goals. Juniors Tara Gray and Laura Fridfinnson scored the only tallies for the Bulldogs.

In the second game of the series the Bulldogs handed Mercyhurst

their first lost of the year, winning the game 4-3. Senior Emmanuelle Blais netted her eighth goal of the year in the third period, which proved to be a game winner. Freshman goaltender Jennifer Harss stopped 41 shots for UMD. The Bulldogs travel to St. Cloud next weekend to face their Western Collegiate Hockey Association opponents for the second series of the year.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team played both Southwest Minnesota State and Minnesota State University Mankato (MSU) this last weekend. The Bulldogs dropped the first pairing of the weekend to Southwest, getting swept in all three sets (25-20, 25-15, 25-21). Junior middle blocker Alyssa Nelson had 14 kills in the game and senior Rachel Jacobson led UMD on defense with 13 digs.

The Dogs also dropped their second game of the weekend to 14-ranked MSU, losing the sets 3-1 (25-22, 25-23, 20-25, 25-23). Nelson had another strong outing for the Bulldogs with 15 kills. Junior April Hansen had 12 kills, and led UMD in efficiency with a .391. The team takes the court again on Friday against Wayne State in Nebraska at 7 p.m.

Bulldogs poison Clarkson's chances in weekend sweep

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Last weekend the UMD men's hockey team went head-to-head with Clarkson University on home ice and skated their way to a weekend sweep.

Friday night's game started off slow in the first period offensively but the physical play was evident. By the second period the Bulldogs picked up the pace and despite a game misconduct for each team in the first the teams battled on. UMD continually pushed the Golden Knights' offense, and within the first few minutes of play of the second period sophomore Mike Connolly placed the puck in the net for the first goal of the game. Less than a minute later, after Connolly's goal, came a goal from sophomore Jack Connolly, putting the Bulldogs ahead two to nothing. Jack Connolly also scored the third UMD goal of the night.

"It felt good to get those two goals in a row," Jack Connolly said. "We were only up one-nothing so I thought we needed a little something extra."

The third period of Friday night started off looking very similar to the first period un-

til Clarkson scored their first goal of the night, 15 attempts later. With only 53 seconds left on the play clock UMD senior Drew Akins took advantage of the open net and scored the last point of the night. The Bulldogs stayed strong throughout the entire game and stepped off the ice with 50 shots on goal, 49 saves by sophomore goalie Kenny Reiter and a final score of 4-1.

"I like how we worked and played tonight," Head Coach Scott Sandelin said. "We got the puck a lot and kept the other team working for it. It looked easy cause we worked hard tonight."

On Saturday night Clarkson was able to sneak up on the Dogs and score a goal against sophomore goalie Brady Hjelle within the first 20 seconds of the game. Not letting the quick first point get to the them, junior Rob Bordson responded with a goal of his own. In the second period the Bulldogs put in two more goals, by sophomores Brady Lamb and Mike Connolly.

Similar to what happened in the first period the Golden Knights put the puck in the net within the first minute of the period. Wanting more than a one-point lead, freshman Mike Seidel

was able to add to the score with the last goal of the night. The Bulldogs once again came out strong offensively for the second night in a row beating the Golden Knights 4-2. UMD also put up 43 shots on goal, compared to the 23 attempts made by the Golden Knights.

"It's always tough the second night," coach Sandelin said. "We still have to play tough because you can never control the goalies. We did give them some goals and we could have gotten more goals but in the end we played well and we just have a lot of little things to work on."

The sweep over Clarkson last weekend strongly supported one of the major goals of this year's team and also placed the Bulldogs record at 5-2-1 overall this season.

"Our motto is 'If we lose one, we don't turn it into two,'" said Jack Connolly. "We just have to keep doing what we are doing and put the puck in the net."

Next weekend the Bulldogs will take the long trip west to Colorado Springs, Colo., for a two-game series against Western Collegiate Hockey Association opponent, Colorado College

UMD soccer perfect at home this season

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The Bulldog soccer team came away with two wins over the weekend, both in a dramatically different fashion.

The first game was a blow-out Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) game against Wayne State (4-14-1, 1-10-1 NSIC). The 24th ranked Bulldogs (13-2-2, 11-1-1 NSIC) scored the first goal of

the game at Malosky Stadium at the 18-minute mark thanks to senior standout Claire Dahmen, with assists from Molly Nepote and Brittany Brown.

Dahmen scored again at 30:26, assisted by Brown and Becky Anderson. Wayne State then scored off of a penalty kick, but that was the only kick near the goal for Wayne State all day; they only attempted two other shots, and both were off target.

It was then Anderson's turn to score at the 56-minute mark, with an assist from Alex Paf-frath. Leah Kramer scored two more goals, and the Bulldogs went on to win 5-1.

The next game was much more difficult. The Bulldogs played Augustana (7-8-5, 4-5-4 NSIC) on Sunday, and needed more than a full game to beat their NSIC opponent.

The Bulldogs took 18 shots, eight of which were on target.

Augustana took nine shots, five of which were on target.

Dahmen came up big for the Bulldogs once again, scoring the game-winning goal with an assist from Anderson at 96:41.

UMD finished the season 7-0 at home. They will be the no. 2 seed in the upcoming play-offs and host the seven-ranked Northern State at home tonight at 6:30 p.m.



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Junior Molly Nepote kicks the ball past defense.

Bulldogs treat fans to a Halloween blowout



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Junior running back Isaac Odum rushes through a hole the offensive line made on the team's way to a 44-0 win

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Halloween is known for trick or treating, but Saturday's football game could've been either depending on which team you were cheering for.

With bits and pieces of the student section donning their celebratory costumes, the players on the field looked to be dressed up like the Minnesota Vikings. The Bulldogs throttled the University of Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles 44-0. Junior running back phenomenon Isaac Odum, who has been collecting touchdowns like Halloween candy all season long, added another two scores to his

stat sheet. Additionally, he recorded his 10th consecutive 100-yard rushing performance. Similarly, Odum's partner-in-crime, junior Brad Foss, added two touchdowns and over 100 yards of his own.

From the air, freshman Chase Vogler rained down on the Crookston defense for 107 yards. Vogler connected on eight of his 11 passes, two of which wound up as touchdown receptions. One from senior tight end Jake Coauette, and the other two were received by Foss. Putting it all together, six touchdowns plus one Halloween-day game equals one solid, outright victory.

Walking away from the field, the Bulldogs found themselves on top of the NSIC permanently. With the victory,

the Bulldogs clinched the conference title with their 9-overall record. On another note, the game also marked the last home game for 12 UMD seniors Brandon Wood; Col Strilzuk; Tobias Lemke; Derrick Brion; Oscar Strauss; Dan Beck; Sam Whitney; Jake Coauette; Brian Peel; Kevin Pexa and Tyler Johnson. We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors. Good luck.

UMD takes their show down south next week as the team travels to Winona State University to wrap up the regular season. The NCAA division playoffs begin in 11 days and counting. Here we go again.